

What is claimed is:

1. A display method of displaying an input state of electronic equipment on a menu screen, wherein

a ring is displayed on a picture screen and a plurality of icons are displayed at predetermined intervals on the ring;

when there is an operation that selects an item on the menu screen, each of icons displayed on said ring is rotated on the ring with maintaining the order of arrangement; and

when there is an operation that confirms a selected item on the menu screen, an input operation with respect to an icon displayed at a specific position of said ring can be performed.

2. A display method according to claim 1, wherein

said icon displayed at a specific position of said ring is displayed larger than the other icons positioned on the ring.

3. A display method according to claim 1, wherein

when a plurality of input items exist with respect to an icon displayed on said ring, a sub-ring of smaller diameter than said ring is displayed surrounding a displayed position of the icon;

when the icon having said displayed sub-ring is displayed at said specific position and then there is an operation that confirms a selected item, said sub-ring is enlarged to be displayed; and

icons corresponding to respective input items are displayed at predetermined intervals on the sub-ring displayed in enlarged scale

4. A display method according to claim 1, wherein one of the icons displayed on said ring is an icon that performs an operation of returning to the display of the previous layer by one.

5. A display device comprising:
an operation means for performing an input operation,
a display means for displaying a state set by said operation means,

a control means for, when there is an operation by said operation means that makes a menu screen display, making a ring to be displayed on a picture screen displayed by said display means; making a plurality of icons to be displayed at predetermined intervals on the ring; when there is an operation by said operation means that selects an item in a menu screen, rotating each of icons displayed on said ring with maintaining the order of arrangement; and when there is an operation by said operation means that confirms a selected item in a menu screen, receiving an input with respect to an icon displayed at a specific position of said ring.

6. A display device according to claim 5, wherein said control means performs control of making an icon displayed at a specific position of the ring displayed by

said display means display larger than the other icons positioned on the ring.

7. A display device according to claim 5, wherein

said control means performs controls of: when a plurality of input items exist with respect to a displayed icon on the a ring, making a sub-ring of smaller diameter than said ring to be displayed surrounding a displayed position of the icon; when the icon having the displayed sub-ring is displayed at said specific position and then there is an operation that confirms a selected item, making said sub-ring to be displayed in enlarged scale; and making icons corresponding to respective input items to be displayed at predetermined intervals on the sub-ring displayed in enlarged scale.

8. A display device according to claim 5, wherein

said control means makes an icon that performs an operation of returning to the display of the previous layer by one, to be displayed as one of icons displayed on said ring.